

The U.S. deplores the Cuban government's action against the Damas de Blanco on April 21.

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The United States Government deplores the action of the Cuban government on April 21 when it forcefully removed from the Plaza de la Revolucion a group of women peacefully calling for the release of prisoners of conscience belonging to the "Group of 75", unjustly imprisoned since 2003. The women, associated with the Human Rights group "Las Damas de Blanco", were exercising their right to free assembly, as guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Cuba is a signatory.

The United States Government expresses its solidarity with the prisoners of conscience and with their family members.

The United States Government urges the Cuban government to release unconditionally all persons imprisoned for the peaceful exercise of rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration and other international human rights conventions.